

THE DEW FAMILY OF BARTON STACEY, HAMPSHIRE, c.1880-1898

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WILLIAM FARRATT DEW was born in Upper Teffont, Wiltshire in 1851 and raised in Ridge, Chilmark parish, Wiltshire. He was a son of William and Mary Ann (Farratt) Dew. He moved to Bransbury, in Barton Stacey parish, around 1880, where he is found at the time of the 1881 census, a farm labourer, lodging with the family of Stephen and Hephzibah Burns. Later in 1881 he married Eliza Money (1860-1898), the daughter of the Burns' near neighbours James and Charlotte Money. James Money was a groom from Bishops Sutton, his wife a native of Ropley, Hampshire.

By 1891 William had moved into Barton Stacey village, where he was a carter for Street Farm and living in one of the cottages north of the Church associated with that farm. He died in 1896 aged 45, his wife in 1898 aged 39. This prompted the splitting up of the seven children and their moving away from Barton Stacey.

Children of William Farratt and Eliza (Money) Dew,

- i. **WILLIAM JAMES**, born 4 March 1883. The Barton Stacey Roll of Honour lists a Lieut. W. Dew and does not give the name of his regiment. William Dew junior joined the 4th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment and was a corporal, garrisoned with his infantry battalion at the Tower of London in 1901. He is in the lists of Boer War soldiers, with the service no. 5704. In 1909 he married Mary Ellen Wicks (Ellen Mary) and lived in Mill Hill, London, later moving to Park House, Ashton Keynes, Swindon, Wiltshire. William James Dew died on 7 March 1962, aged 79.

Children of William James and Mary Ellen (Wicks) Dew,

- i. Jack William Frederick, born 1910.
- ii. Percy Alfred George Edward, born 4 December 1912. He died in 1995.
- iii. Leslie.
- iv. Kenneth.
- v. Alan.
- ii. Charlotte Lavinia, born 26 August 1884. Charlotte moved to Long Eaton, Derbyshire, where she had Dew relatives from Hampshire. She died unmarried in Long Eaton in 1940.
- iii. Mary Ann, (Annie) born 1886. In 1905 she married firstly Albert James Norgate, a farm labourer and retired soldier from Tichborne, Hampshire. In 1911 their home was in Binsted Street, Alton, Hampshire, where Annie Norgate was employed by

- Hampshire County Council as a school cleaner. After his death in 1929 she married secondly Leonard W. Merritt in 1930. She died in Alton in 1933.
- iv. Percy George, born 9 June 1888. By the time of the 1901 census he was in St Mark's House for Waifs and Strays in Natland, Westmoreland. According to the 1920 US census, he left the UK for America in 1908 and was naturalised in 1916. On 6 September 1917 he married, in Worcester, Massachusetts, Grace Kathleen Bailey, a stenographer (born 20 February 1886 in Canada, daughter of George R. and Flora (Stevenson) Bailey). At the time of his marriage he named his parents as James W. Dew and Elizabeth Money.
They continued to live in Worcester, Massachusetts, where he was a street car conductor and later a railroad operator. Percy Dew died in 1953 and is buried in Hope Cemetery, Worcester. Grace Dew died on 20 February 1980.
- v. Alfred Harry, born 19 February 1890. He was living in the parish of Winterslow, Wiltshire when he enlisted with the Wiltshire Regiment at Devizes on 10 August 1907. He bought himself out of the army on 13 April 1908. He became a Royal Navy stoker in 1909 and served throughout World War I.
Alfred H. Dew was living in 1939 in Alton, Hampshire, a general labourer and unmarried. He was living in Alton in 1962 when he placed a newspaper advertisement in an attempt to trace his brother Percy George, who left the UK in 1900 and was last heard of by Alfred in 1925 at Main Street, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. Sadly, Percy had died about 9 years earlier.
Alfred Dew died in 1964.
- vi. Albert Ernest, (also called Albert Edward), born 1892. Along with his brothers Alfred and Leonard, Albert Dew went into Andover Workhouse after the death of his parents in the 1890s.
He was a farm labourer, living in the parish of Chute, near Ludgershall, Wiltshire when he enlisted with the 3rd Wiltshire Regiment at Devizes on 26 August 1907 (service number 8384). He signed as *Albert Edward Dew* and gave his age as 17 years 10 months. He mentions his older brothers William (Colour Sergeant D of C Middlesex Regiment), Percy, Alfred (then with 3rd Wiltshires) and his younger brother Leonard. He mentions sisters Charlotte, Annie and Martha.
He was discharged from the army on 7 May 1908 as a result of being medically unfit for further service and by 1911 he was a cowman, living in Alton with his sister Mary Ann and her husband.
- vii. Martha Ellen, born 5 June 1894. By the time of the 1901 census she was one of 27 girls in The Sampson Home, Overhill Road, Camberwell, Surrey, run by Matron Margaret Jermyn. By 1911 she had obtained the position of nurse to the family of Ernest Frederick Easthope, the Master of Andover Workhouse. She married William George Hill in 1923 in Woking, Surrey. Mrs Hill died in 1966.
- viii. Leonard John, born 30 January 1896. He went with his brothers Alfred and Albert into Andover Workhouse. He was living in 1939, unmarried and a clerk in Broadstairs, Kent.

NOTES

1797 Feb 28 William Smith married Mary Henrietta Dew at All Saints, Barton Stacey.
